Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, The National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for 59 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and,

Whereas, The National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and,

Whereas, Child nutrition programs in South Dakota serve an average of 96,570 lunches per day during the school year at 902 attendance centers in 236 schools and agencies; and,

Whereas, 1,067 food service staff plan, prepare, and serve school lunch meals to the students of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, "School Lunch: It's Instrumental" is the 2005 National School Lunch theme; and,

Whereas, South Dakota parents, teachers, and administrators will join the South Dakota child nutrition programs in celebrating National School Lunch Week on October 10-14, 2005; and,

Whereas, The National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent child feeding programs and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10 - 14, 2005, as

SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutritional habits, in the hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State